

The Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

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A WORD ABOUT TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Tonight we remember and celebrate the "Last Supper" and the first Eucharist - the last meal which Jesus ate with his disciples before his arrest and death, and the meal at which he taught them and us to remember him through the sharing of bread and wine. Tonight, we gather around that table again, with Jesus, and hear his words to his disciples which transform ordinary bread and wine into his Body and Blood, given and shared for the life of the world.

Tonight, also, we hear John's story of that last meal in which Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment, to "love one another, as I have loved you." We remember how he modeled that love by an act of service, and re-enact that ourselves by washing one another's feet and allowing our own feet to be washed by someone else, who serves as the hands of Christ in that moment. It is this commandment of love that gives today its name: "Maundy" is a version of the Latin word "mandatum", or commandment.

The final act of our common worship tonight is the "stripping of the altar" - the ceremonial removal of all decoration from the altar, and the removal of the blessed bread and wine which remain after the Eucharist. This is done to symbolize our mourning as we prepare for the death of Jesus, and as a visual representation of the sense of absence that Jesus' death leaves in us as we wait for the fulfilling of God's promises.

At the end of the meal tonight, our worship does not end, even though we disperse. The prayer and watching with Jesus that we begin tonight at the table continues through the night, remembering Jesus' encouragement to his disciples to remain awake and pray with him as he awaited arrest. The services of Good Friday, in which we remember Jesus' death and grieve at the foot of the cross are part of the same worship we begin tonight, and which ends on Saturday night with the Great Vigil of Easter.

Prelude

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness, BWV 654, J. S. Bach

*The prelude offers the opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
Please help keep the church a quiet and worshipful space during the prelude.*

Please stand as the leaders of the service enter in silent procession.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Book of Common Prayer, page 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Celebrant says:

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14,16

Confession of Sin

Book of Common Prayer, page 352

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie S 91

Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
 Let us pray. (BCP page 221)

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever **Amen.**

A Reading from the book of Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take

it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116: 1,10-17

Ivor Atkins

Antiphon (sung by all):



I will call up - on the name of the Lord.

Verses sung by choir:

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

Antiphon

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord

in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Antiphon

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

11:23-26

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 171

Petra

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re-deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a-way, learn of Je-sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf-fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
 "It is fi-nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je-sus Christ to die.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854). Music: *Petra*, Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Washing of Feet

“If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that also you should do as I have done to you.”

Tonight, all are invited to wash one another’s feet, following the teaching and example of our Savior. You may come forward with a partner, and wash each other’s feet, or simply offer yourself to have your feet washed, or wash another’s.

Music during footwashing:

Anthem

Ubi Caritas, Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen. *Where true charity and love are found, God is there. As we are joined in one body by the love of Christ, let us rejoice and be glad always. And as we hear and love our Lord, the living God, so let us in sincerity love all people. Where true charity and love are found, God is there. Amen.*

Voluntary

Tierce en Taille, Louis Marchand

Prayers of the People

On this holy night Christ welcomes us to the table at which we learn to love and serve one another and God’s world. Let us now pray for that world, and for one another.

For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servanthood; Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our own congregation, that in these holy days we may abide in your presence and grow in love for one another and for all people; Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all leaders and people of the world, that reconciliation and peace may overcome conflict and oppression; Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the hungry in body or spirit, that they may be fed; and for those who serve others, that they may in turn receive generous, loving service; Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn, that they may feel the full extent of God’s love for them and find healing and strength and relief; Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for the saints and for all the faithful departed who join us at your table of grace this night; Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, you feed us with life and salvation, and have taught us that what we do for the least of our siblings we do also for you. Hear our prayers, and give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and bring all people to the glory you share with your Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Exchange of Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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Music at the Offertory

Ave Verum Corpus, Edward Elgar

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit sanguine; esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine. O Jesu, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae. *Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having died, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side flowed forth blood, give to us now, and at our dying your own self to be our food.* O Jesus, O blessed one, O dearest Jesus, Son of Mary.

Hymn at the Presentation

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer A *(expansive)*

Book of Common Prayer p 361, adapted

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

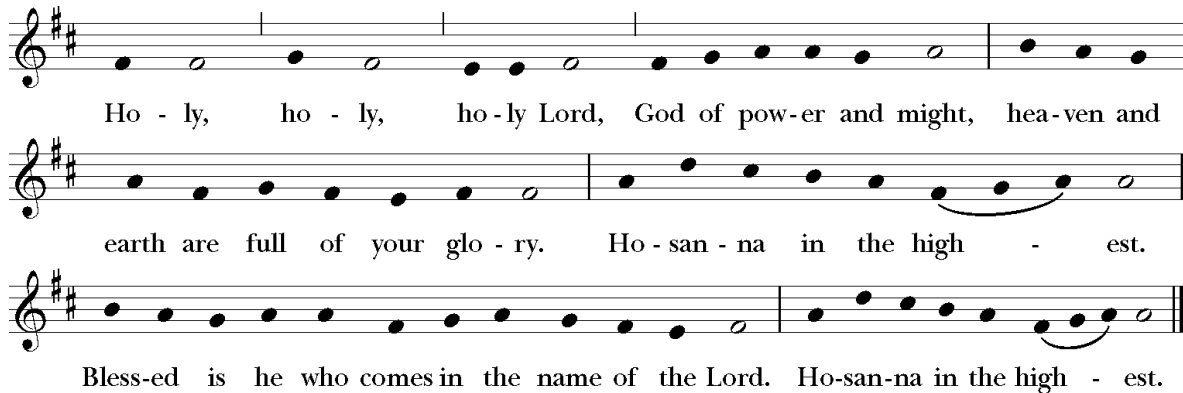
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S 124, David Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people are encouraged to kneel as able, as the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may

faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, then says

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Celebrant invites the people to communion, saying

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Those worshipping remotely are invited to offer a prayer for “spiritual communion”, printed below.

A prayer for Spiritual Communion

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life, until by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

(From Saint Augustine's Prayer Book, rev 2014., based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

Music at Communion

Anthem (Coventry Choir)

Tantum Ergo Sacramentum, Deodat de Severac

Tantum ergo sacramentum veneremur cernui, Et antiquum documentum novo cedat ritui, Praestet fides supplementum sensuum defectui. Genitori, genitoque laus et jubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque sit et benedictio, Precedenti ab utroque compar sit laudatio. Amen. *Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear. Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son, honor, thanks and praise addressing, while eternal ages run; ever too his love confessing who from both with both is One. Amen.*

Hymn 577

Ubi caritas (Murray)

Refrain



God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

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Post communion prayer

from Enriching Our Worship

Loving God, we give you thanks
 for restoring us in your image
 and nourishing us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
 Now send us forth
 a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
 that we may proclaim your love to the world
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn 329 (vv. 1-4)

Pange lingua

1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious
 2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for
 3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his
 4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his
 *5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -
 *6 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther

1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,
 2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing
 3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,
 4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,
 5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,
 6 and the Son, hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,

1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -
 2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with
 3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious
 4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the
 5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward
 6 while e - ter - nal a - ges run; ev - er too his

1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.
 2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.
 3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.
 4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.
 5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.
 6 love con - fess - ing who from both with both is One.

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Blessing

The priest offers a blessing, and the people respond. Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

Stay With Me, Taize Chant

Stay with me, re-main here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.



There is no formal recessional or dismissal tonight; this liturgy of the Triduum (The Three Days of Jesus' Passion) continues with the prayer and meditation of the community, through the liturgies of Good Friday, and ends with the celebration of the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday evening at 8:00 pm.

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